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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: OXCART Clearance for Kenneth Sprankle

1. Just prior to a briefing by the Director of our Appropriations Subcommittee of the House of Representatives on 24 March 1962, Kenneth Sprankle, the Chief Clerk of the full Committee, happened to be in the room when OXCART was mentioned and pictures were passed to members of the Subcommittee. It is my understanding that Sprankle does not have a clearance.
2. Today I briefed Sprankle on the tight security controls on this project to which he had gained some knowledge and suggested the desirability of having him appropriately briefed on these controls and the necessity for careful handling of the information. He exhibited considerable reluctance to learn any more about the project and felt it was unnecessary for him to sign any papers at this time. After some discussion, it was agreed that we would not request him to be "signed up" at this time but if, in the future, it was found necessary that he have additional information we would go through the normal procedures.
3. I believe your security people should be aware of this situation and certainly have Sprankle's name on the list as having gained some knowledge of the project. Sprankle is well-known to the Agency and has exhibited an excellent sense of security over the years. He is unusually closemouthed about CIA matters and consistently when members of Congress have inquired about CIA activities he has given them no

information. It is my understanding also that he has a TOP SECRET DOD clearance and our own Security Office has cleared him for TOP SECRET. He has had access to a large quantity of sensitive information over the years. If there is anything you wish from me on this, please let me know.

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